

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) Video coding method using a number of compression parameter sets being referenced from within coded data, wherein said compression parameter sets are stored in auxiliary data files that are uniquely associated to a file or stream containing a main Audio Visual (AV) bit stream, and wherein identifiers of said compression parameter sets and the corresponding references to these identifiers in the main AV bit stream are unique within said auxiliary data files and associated file or stream containing the main AV bit stream ~~wherein existing auxiliary data files related to said file or stream containing the main AV bit stream are extended to carry said compression parameter sets~~

wherein said compression parameter sets are being referenced indirectly, and

wherein the parameter set identifiers in the AV bit stream of each of a set of parts of AV material being defined to refer to entries of a secondary table;

said secondary table being individually available per each said part, and being stored in auxiliary files in a data structure which is repeated per each said part;

entries of all said secondary tables of said AV material being defined to be themselves identifiers referring in turn to entries of a common parameter set table provided once per said AV material.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) Video coding method according to claim 1, wherein the validity period of said compression parameter set identifiers is explicitly signaled.

5. (Original) Video coding method according to claim 4, wherein the signaling of the validity period of the compression parameter set identifiers is based on the presentation or decoding time information associated to portions of the main AV bit stream.

6. (Original) Video coding method according to claim 4, wherein the signaling of the validity period of the compression parameter set identifiers is based on the file names associated to portions of the main AV bit stream.
7. (Original) Video coding method according to claim 4, wherein the signaling of the validity period of the compression parameter set identifiers is based on an existing identification of the underlying transport or storage entities, such as packets or sectors, associated to portions of the main AV bit stream carried therein.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Previously Presented) Video coding apparatus using a method according to claim 1.
10. (Previously Presented) Video decoding method for decoding a video signal coded according to claim 1.
11. (Original) Video decoding apparatus using a method according to claim 10.
12. (New) Video coding method according to claim 1, wherein existing auxiliary data files related to said file or stream containing the main AV bit stream are extended to carry said compression parameter sets.